

September 5, 2019 Town Council Meeting

Council Present: Steve Cox: Mayor, Peter Benson, Gladys LeFevre, Conrad Jepsen; Council members, Judi Davis and Michala Alldredge; Town clerks.

Public present: Peg Smith, Dave Mock, Bill and Judith Geil,, Ashley Coombs, Pete and Cookie Schauss,

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cox stated that Judy Drain would not be in attendance due to a family emergency and Conrad Jepsen was not in attendance yet.

First item on the agenda was the August public hearing and Town Council (TC) meeting minutes. Peter reminded the council that he wasn't in attendance last month so the vote to approve would need to be postponed since there wasn't a complete quorum present.

Mayor Cox moved the order of the agenda so that the vote on Ordinance 2019-4 was next. Peter moved to approve the Ordinance 2019-4 as written, Gladys seconded it the motion and all approved.

Next on the agenda Peg Smith reported on a meeting with Evan Web of Granicus about developing a new Boulder town website. Granicus is the company that recently redid Garfield county's website. She stated that they could provide tools for records and information management in addition to rebuilding the town website. Which would allow the town to directly take care of business, including agendas, records retention, ADA compliance, etc. that all government entities are responsible for. Granicus works with 4000 entities across the country. Garfield county has a Granicus website and could perhaps function as an umbrella for other municipalities in the county including Boulder. Boulder would have access to the same tools as Garfield county with an independant website. It would save on costs to be part of a larger entity. Mayor Cox spoke with Camille Moore and Caden Figgins of Garfield county and informally, conceptually they have approved going ahead and researching the next step. Which would modify Garfield county's current contract to \$4700 to develop the Boulder website and then \$1400 annually for maintenance, security, training, etc. Peg stated that price wise it is in the ballpark of what the town budgeted for and gets us a few years down the road. She added that this plan fits well with Sterling codifiers plan. She added that there is a lot of interplay for the people maintaining the websites and eliminates issues associated with it. Granicus would do the initial set up and training, which will be time intensive in the beginning but then will be much easier and more efficient. Peg added that it can track many things and has a number of capabilities. Mayor Cox stated that perhaps by the next meeting we could potentially have a bid for costs to move forward.

Department reports:

Gladys reported regarding cemetery, buildings, freebox, travel council. She stated that she will follow up with Jimmy Catmull about hanging the projector in the kitchen meeting room of the community center and also about putting the counter in at the post office. She reported that the freebox looks great after the Escalante High School students cleaned it up recently.

Judith Geil reported representing the Wildfire Council (WC). She stated that at the last WC meeting the members discussed the value of hiring a chipper for wood disposal versus the predominant concern of controlling wild grasses, brush and willows. She reported that Garfield county has successfully used a state owned chipper in the past. She is waiting to hear back from Josh Soper(sp?), our Fire Warden, about whether or not a chipper would be available for Boulder to utilize. Peter added that we would need a crew to run the chipper as well to alleviate concerns about safety and liability. Perhaps this could be achieved through a grant. Judith stated that most of the folks involved are concerned with trimming wild grasses and weeds versus removal of wood. In response to this need two upcoming Fridays have been set aside to have extra availability at the landfill to bring refuse barring approval from TC. The dates set aside to have extra availability at the landfill are October 18th and 25th. Peter has volunteered to man the dump on the extra days. Judy Drain will be contacted prior. Judith also provided some mapping sheets as part of the WC efforts.

Mayor Cox reported for Judi Drain on Roads and Landfill. He reported that the landfill pit was recently burned. That Judy is working on replacing the cemetery sign. A new warning sign informing drivers of a stop sign ahead was installed approaching Highway 12 on the Burr Trail road. Sam dug a new construction pit and the landfill.

Conrad reported on enforcement, grounds and the Park Committee. New shed doors were put on the maintenance shed at the town park. Mayor Cox stated his appreciation to Randy Catmull for finding someone in Wayne county to do the work. He also reported that he hired Ethan Williams to do some part time yard work at the park. Mayor Cox fixed the brush hog and mowed the tall grass field. He stated that the metal plant boxes in front of the Town Hall are starting to rot. He asked Conrad to look into it and determine if the town should try to repair or replace them. He suggested that perhaps the corrugated metal could be replaced.

Judith Geil proposed a city day dedicated to watering and weeding the town pathways. Mayor Cox suggested that she organizes it and the town will support it and help provide the necessary tools.

Peter suggested that before Gladys left the meeting that the TC approve the PH and TC meeting minutes from August. Gladys moved to approve the August PH and TC meeting minutes, Conrad seconded the motion and all approved.

Peter reported on Planning Commission, EMS, the Tree Board and the Arts Council. He reported that the PC is reviewing the table of uses in an effort to amend them and the definitions to meet the general plan closer. Additionally, they are drafting wording and guidelines for small business or light manufacturing in individuals homes. They are working closely with zoning. He reported that it will be a while before there is a public hearing. He and Mayor Cox encouraged folks to attend the PC meetings to contribute input. Regarding the Fire Department, he and Corey burned the debris at the dump. They have received most of the new fire equipment, except for the actual suits. The fire suits are custom made and he believes this is why they are taking longer to receive. He stated that there hasn't been much activity with the Tree city committee and that some time in the fall they will have another workday. He reported that the Arts Council held a great dance event last Sunday and this upcoming Saturday is the last Music in the Park event of the season. Mayor Cox asked if the TC has received a letter of resignation from Perry Tancredi as chair. Peter stated he had not received a letter yet. Mayor Cox stated that once the resignation letter is received from Perry that the town will post the open position on the PC.

Judi reported that someone called and enquired who to contact about becoming an EMT. She reminded anyone interested to contact anyone on TC. Mayor Cox added that Boulder has \$25,000 set aside in this year's budget for the fire department, EMS etc. that was intended for equipment. Garfield county stepped up and paid \$27,000 to cover the fire equipment. Which leaves those dollars available to be allocated to EMS. Mayor Cox and Peter expressed their feelings that the first responders should be rewarded or receive some type of bonus for their services. Peter will make a proposal at the next TC meeting. Peter stated that Boulder town could potentially work with the BCA to provide a grant to cover an incentive or bonus. He also stated that he would like to provide more training for the EMS. Mayor Cox encouraged Peter to continue to craft something. Judith enquired if the EMS training costs and room and board were paid for because folks need to travel in order to participate in training. Peter confirmed that these costs are indeed paid for individuals who participate in trainings. Elizabeth reported that there is not a course being offered in Garfield or Sevier County this winter/year.

Mayor Cox publicly thanked the Escalante High School students and staff for the work they did in the Boulder Town park, at the Town Hall, the freebox and at the Anasazi Museum on August 21st, 2019 as a service day. Escalante High School is trying to promote community service with the students in both Boulder Town and Escalante. He believes they are going to be doing 4

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community service days throughout the 2019-2020 school year. If anyone has an idea of activity for another service day please let him know. He will draft a thank you letter to send the students and staff for their efforts He reported that Boulder Town is moving forward with Sterling codifiers to codify the ordinances.

Judi presented August checks for approval. Peter moved to accept the checks as listed, Conrad seconded the motion and all approved. She reported that Boulder Farmstead is having their annual meeting soon. Boulder Town has several water shares and needs someone to vote for the town. Mayor Cox stated that he will attend the meeting and vote for the town.

Public comments:

Peg announced that there will be a Meet the Candidates evening on Tuesday October 1st at 6:00 p.m. There are 4 candidates running for 2 Town Council positions.

Conrad moved to adjourn the meeting, Peter seconded the motion and all agreed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.